

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 4/19/06 - KW

Division: Mayor McCoy

Bulk Item: Yes X No

Department: District 3

Staff Contact Person: Mayor McCoy

AGENDA ITEM WORDING:

Approval of Resolution pledging public support for the recently formed "*5000 Friends of Florida Families*".

ITEM BACKGROUND:

Mental illnesses and substance abuse are major causes of homelessness, child abuse and neglect, crime, unemployment, poverty and poor educational attainment. The Florida Council for Community Mental Health and the Florida Alcohol Drug and Abuse Association recently announced the formation of "*5000 Friends of Florida Families*", a grassroots coalition of people who support mental health and substance abuse services. This coalition was built on the idea that every family deserves a place to turn when a mental health or addictions crisis and that the State of Florida has a responsibility to ensure every family has a place to run in a mental health or addictions crisis. (See attached Press Announcement).

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

None

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

NA

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approval

TOTAL COST: N/A

BUDGETED: Yes No (NA)

COST TO COUNTY: N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS: NA

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes No X **AMOUNT PER MONTH** **Year**

APPROVED BY: County Atty X OMB/Purchasing Risk Management X

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL: Mayor Charles "Sonny" McCoy
MAYOR CHARLES "SONNY" McCOY

DOCUMENTATION: Included X Not Required

DISPOSITION: **AGENDA ITEM #**

Mayor McCoy

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2006

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
SUPPORTING 5000 FRIENDS OF FLORIDA FAMILIES.**

WHEREAS, every day, mental illness and addictions affect thousands of families across Florida; and

WHEREAS, affordable treatment of mental illness and addictions is not within every family's reach; and

WHEREAS, Florida ranks 47th in funding for mental health treatment and 35th in addiction funding; and

WHEREAS, by funding Florida's responsibility for community mental health and addictions services, the Legislature can clearly declare its commitment to our children, elderly and working poor; and

WHEREAS, community based mental health and addiction services are a critical part of our statewide health care system; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, that:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, supports the 5000 Friends of Florida Families.

Section 2. All citizens are called upon to sign a pledge card supporting families in crisis.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, at a regular meeting of the Board this 19th day of April, 2006.

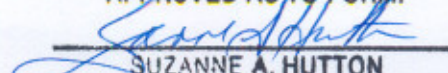
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Attest: Danny L. Kolhage

By: _____
Mayor/Chairman

By: _____
Clerk

MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY
APPROVED AS TO FORM:


SUZANNE A. HUTTON
COUNTY ATTORNEY
Date 4/19/06

Formation of 5000 Friends of Florida Families Announced

Press Announcement

January 31, 2006
For immediate release

For more information,
contact Joanna Bonfanti (850) 224-6048

Formation of 5000 Friends of Florida Families Announced

Today, the Florida Council for Community Mental Health (FCCMH) and the Florida Alcohol Drug and Drug Abuse Association (FADAA) announces the formation of 5000 Friends of Florida Families, a grassroots coalition of people who support mental health and substance abuse services. Built on the idea that every Florida family deserves a place to turn when in a mental health or addiction crisis, 5000 Friends supports affordable mental health and addictions treatment.

Mental illnesses and substance abuse are major causes of homelessness, child abuse and neglect, crime, unemployment, poverty and poor educational attainment. "The 5000 Friends of Florida Families believe that the State of Florida has a responsibility to ensure every family has a place to turn in a mental health or addictions crisis. Families in a crisis deserve affordable care, particularly families with children, the elderly and the working poor," states Bob Sharpe, President and CEO of FCCMH.

Concerned Floridians who want to join 5000 Friends of Florida Families are asked to sign a simple pledge of support. It reads:

I believe every Florida family deserves a place to turn in a crisis. I recognize mental illnesses and addictions contribute to job loss, failure in school, divorce, abuse and trouble with the law.

I pledge to support high quality and affordable mental health and addiction services for all Florida families.

A copy of the pledge and a sign-up form to become a member of 5000 Friends of Florida Families can be found at the organization's website: www.5000Friends.org.

Each person who signs up will receive a 5000 Friends lapel pin to wear as a symbol of support. "When members of 5000 Friends wear their pins to public events and meetings, we hope it will trigger conversations about Florida's need to make mental health and addiction treatment more accessible and affordable to families in a crisis," said John Daigle, Executive Director of FADAA.

5000 Friends



Please sign in to continue...

E-mail address

| E-mail address:

Sign In

... or Sign Up for 5000 Friends

A Pledge To Florida's Families

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I pledge to support high quality and affordable mental health and addiction services for all Florida families.

Name and e-mail address

| **First name:**

| **Last name:**

| **E-mail address:**

Organization:

Contact information

Phone number:

| **Address:**

| **City:**

| **State:**

-- Select a state --

| **Zip code:**

Privacy preferences

Legislative outreach:

☒ **Yes**, You have my permission to use my name in your Legislative outreach efforts.

☐ **No**, thanks

Receive e-mail:

☒ **Yes**, I want to be informed by e-mail of developments that affect the quality of mental health and addictions services available to Florida families.

☐ **No**, thanks

Join 5000 Friends

Fields marked in **red** are required.